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Letter dated 23 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the communiqué issued on 18 May 2000 by the sixty-fifth ordinary session, at the ambassadorial level, of the central organ of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution, concerning the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text circulated to the members of the Security Council as a Security Council document.

(*Signed*) Abdallah **Baali**
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Annex to the letter dated 23 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Communiqué of the sixty-fifth ordinary session of the central organ of the Organization of African Unity mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution, at the ambassadorial level, on the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea

Addis Ababa, 18 May 2000

The central organ of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) mechanism for conflict prevention, management and resolution held its sixty-fifth ordinary session at the ambassadorial level on Thursday, 18 May 2000, in Addis Ababa, to discuss the situation between Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The session was held under the chairmanship of Ambassador Smaïl Chergui, Permanent Representative of Algeria to OAU.

The central organ:

Having heard the statement of the Secretary-General,

Having also heard the statements of the representatives of Ethiopia and Eritrea,

1. Reiterated its grave concern about the resumption of hostilities between Ethiopia and Eritrea and their consequences for both countries, as well as for security and stability in the region;

2. Expressed its grave concern about the humanitarian consequences of the conflict and requested the OAU Commission on Refugees to consider the unfolding humanitarian crisis created by displacement of persons in both countries and the influx of refugees to the Sudan;

3. Further reiterated its urgent appeal to both parties to put an immediate end to the hostilities and to commit themselves to a peaceful solution based on the OAU Framework Agreement and the Modalities, and to resume the proximity talks, under the auspices of the current Chairman of OAU, on the basis of the communiqué of 5 May 2000 issued by the office of the current Chairman of OAU (S/2000/394, annex);

4. Decided to remain seized with the matter.